

## Message Text

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ALL US CONSULATES IN MEXICO VIA POUCH

C O N F I D E N T I A L MEXICO 0256

E. O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: FPRO, PN, MX  
SUBJECT: PANAMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER IN MEXICO ON CONSULTATIONS

REFS A) PANAMA 128; B) QUITO 136

1. THE MEXICAN PRESS OF JAN 5 REPORTED THE ARRIVAL ON JAN 4 OF PANAMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER AQUILINO BOYD WHO CLAIMED THAT HIS VISIT TO MEXICO WAS PART OF "A SERIES OF CONSULTATIONS IN ORDER TO PRESENT TO THE NEW US ADMINISTRATION A SOLID LATIN AMERICAN FRONT ON THE CANAL ISSUE." HE ALSO REPORTEDLY STATED THAT PANAMA "HAS RECEIVED POSITIVE SIGNALS (PRESUMABLY FROM THE US) THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS WILL END SATISFACTORILY IN A FEW MONTHS." HIS COMMENTS TO THE PRESS WERE GENERALLY UP BEAT, EXPRESSING A BELIEF THAT A SOLUTION SATISFACTORY TO PANAMA WILL EVOLVE, HE INDICATED THAT PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER "IS INTERESTED IN PUTTING AN END TO THE COLONIAL ENCLAVE  
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LOCATED IN PANAMA."

2. AFTER MEETING WITH MEXICAN FONSEC SANTIAGO ROEL, BOYD DEPARTED ON JAN 5. UPON HIS DEPARTURE, THE PANAMANIAN AMBASSADOR STATED TO THE PRESS THAT BOYD HAD NOT BEEN SEARCHING TO CREATE A "SOLID FRONT" BECAUSE PANAMA ALREADY HAS ALL THE LATIN AMERICA'S SUPPORT.

SHE REITERATED THAT A SOLUTION TO THE CANAL ISSUE WILL  
BE REACHED THIS YEAR.

3. COMMENT: BASED ON BOYD'S STATEMENTS REGARDING  
CONSULTATIONS TO DEVELOP LATIN AMERICAN FRONT, EMBASSY  
SUSPECTS THAT BOYD VISIT TO MEXICO MAY HAVE BEEN RELATED  
TO PROPOSED LETTER FROM LATIN AMERICAN PRESIDENTS TO PRESIDENT  
CARTER(REFTELS) ON NEW CANAL TREATY. AT THIS TIME  
EMBASSY HAS NO CONFIRMATION OF ECUADORIAN UNDER SECRETARY  
AYALA'S STATEMENT THAT MEXICO HAS INDEED SIGNED SUCH A  
LETTER BUT WILL MAKE DISCREET SOUNDINGS IF DEPARTMENT WISHES.  
END COMMENT.  
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